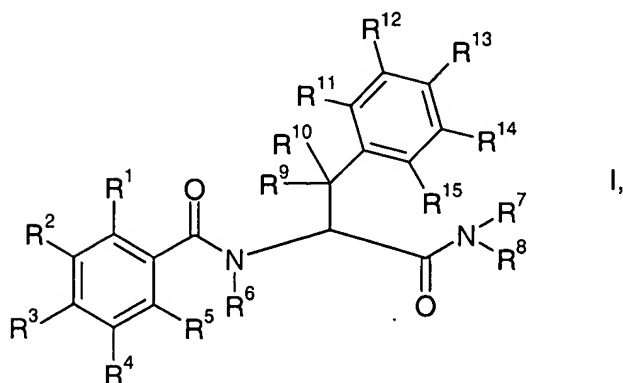


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I



in which the variables are as defined below:

R^1 is halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkylthio or phenyl;

R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, C_1 - C_6 -alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_6 -alkylthio or C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl;

R^6 , R^7 are hydrogen, hydroxyl or C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy;

R^8 is C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -cyanoalkyl or C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl;

R^9 is OR^{16} , SR^{17} or $NR^{18}R^{19}$;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl;

R¹¹, R¹² are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, hydroxyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, tri(C₁-C₆-alkyl)silyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl, carbamoyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [(C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, benzyloxy, where the phenyl ring may be substituted by 1 to 3 radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl, amino, C₁-C₄-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, (C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl)amino, C₁-C₄-(haloalkylsulfonyl)amino, (C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl)amino, carbamoylamino, (C₁-C₄-alkylamino)carbonylamino, [di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino]carbonylamino, [(C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]amino, phenyl or heterocyclyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radical of the two last-mentioned substituents may carry one to three radicals from the following group: halogen, nitro, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl;

R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵ are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio or benzyloxy;

R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸ are hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, tri(C₁-C₆-alkyl)silyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-

alkenyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkynyl, formyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenylcarbonyl, C₂-C₆-alkynylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyloxycarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyloxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkenylaminocarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkynylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkenyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkynyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkenyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkynyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminothiocabonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl or N-(di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl,

where the alkyl, cycloalkyl and alkoxy radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy;

phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenoxycarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl, phenylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(phenyl)aminocarbonyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclyloxycarbonyl, heterocyclylaminocarbonyl, heterocyclylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(heterocyclyl)aminocarbonyl or heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl,

where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals ~~of the 17 last~~

~~mentioned substituents~~ may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy

SO₂R²⁰; -C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl; or

-C(O)-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-phenyl, where the phenyl radical may optionally be substituted by one to three radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R¹⁹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkynyl,

where the alkyl and cycloalkyl radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)aminocarbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy; or

phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals of the 4 last-mentioned substituents may be partially or fully halogenated, and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy;

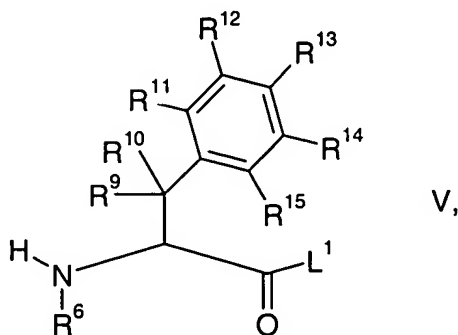
R²⁰ is C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl or phenyl,

where the phenyl radical may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

or an agriculturally useful salt thereof.

2. (Original) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to claim 1, where R^1 is halogen or C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl.
3. (Currently Amended) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, where R^2 and R^3 independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen or C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl.
4. (Currently Amended) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, where R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{13} , R^{14} and R^{15} are hydrogen.
5. (Currently Amended) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, where R^9 is OR^{16} .
6. (Original) A process for preparing benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamides of the formula I according to claim 1, which comprises

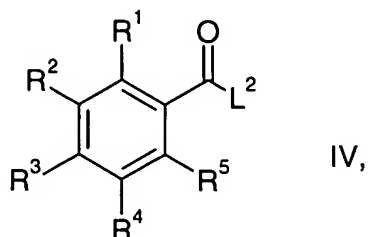
reacting phenylalanines of the formula V



where R^6 and R^9 to R^{15} are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is a nucleophilically

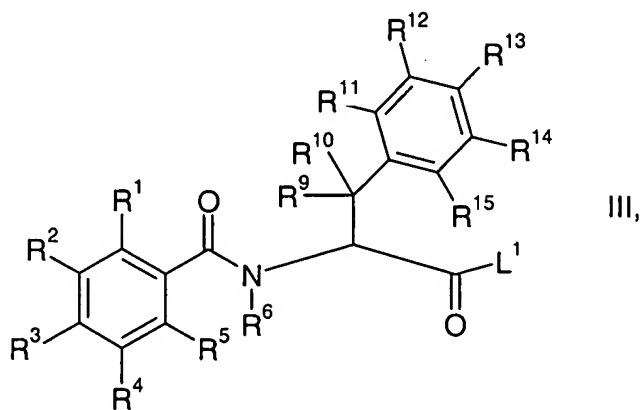
displaceable leaving group,

with benzoic acids or benzoic acid derivatives of the formula IV



where R^1 to R^5 are as defined in claim 1 and L^2 is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

to give the corresponding benzoyl derivatives of the formula III



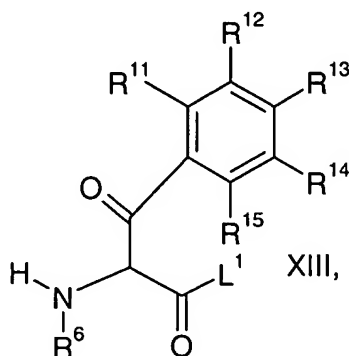
where R^1 to R^6 and R^9 to R^{15} are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

and then reacting the resulting benzoyl derivatives of the formula III with an amine of the formula II



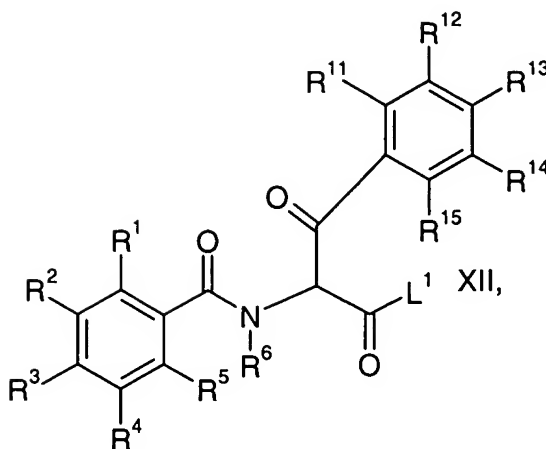
where R^7 and R^8 are as defined in claim 1.

7. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 6 for preparing benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamides of the formula I ~~according to claim 1~~, where R^9 is hydroxyl and R^{10} is hydrogen, which comprises preparing benzoyl derivatives of the formula III where R^9 is hydroxyl and R^{10} is hydrogen by ~~acylation~~ acylating of keto compounds of the formula XIII



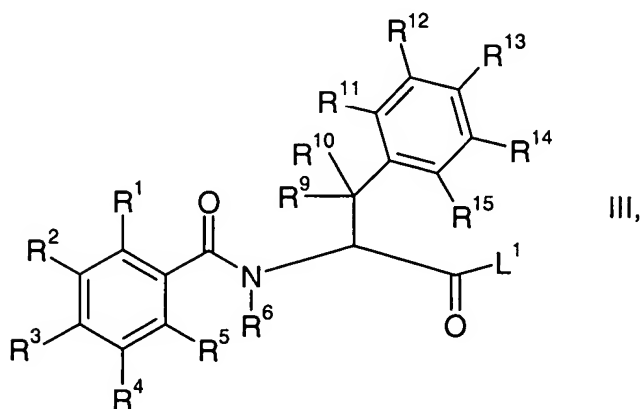
where R^6 and R^{11} to R^{15} are as defined in claim 4 6 and L^1 is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

with benzoic acids/benzoic acid derivatives of the formula IV ~~into~~ to produce N-acyl keto compounds of the formula XII



where R^1 to R^6 and R^{11} to R^{15} are as defined in claim 4-6 and L^1 is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group, ~~followed by reduction of~~ and thereafter reducing the keto group.

8. (Original) A benzoyl derivative of the formula III



where R^1 to R^6 and R^9 to R^{15} are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group.

9. (Currently Amended) A herbicidal composition, comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide ~~of the~~

~~formula I~~ or an agriculturally useful salt ~~of I according to any of claims 1 to 5 thereof~~
of claim 1 and auxiliaries customary for formulating crop protection agents.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing compositions according to claim ~~8~~ 9, which comprises mixing a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide ~~of the formula I~~ or an agriculturally useful salt ~~of I according to any of claims 1 to 5 thereof~~ of claim 1 and with auxiliaries customary for formulating crop protection agents.
11. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling unwanted vegetation, which comprises allowing a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide ~~of the formula I~~ or an agriculturally useful salt ~~of I according to any of claims 1 to 5 thereof~~ of claim 1 to act on plants, their habitat and/or on seed.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the application rate of the compound of formula I or salt thereof is from 0.001 to 3.0 kg/ha.
14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the application rate is 0.01 to 1.0 kg/ha.
15. (New) The phenylalanineamide or salt thereof of claim 1, wherein R^1 is F; R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{14} and R^{15} are all H; and R^8 is CH_3 .